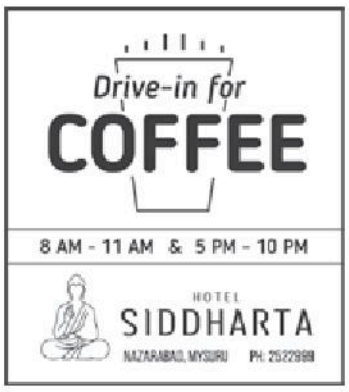

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Mysuru-B'luru Highway works begin

Project to pick up pace after Sankranti; roadside hotels, buildings to be demolished

Bengaluru, Jan. 11 (KMS&BCT)- Works on the project to construct an eight-lane National Highway (NH) between Mysuru and Bengaluru has begun on a war footing. In all, it will be a 10-lane Highway with four lanes and two service roads on either side. The total estimate of the project is Rs. 6,500 crore, including land acquisition costs.

The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) — the agency executing it, will build roads between the two cities and the new roads will be in addition to the existing lanes. The project is likely to take 2.5 years to complete. The scope of the work also includes construction of nine major bridges, 44 minor bridges, and four Road Over Bridges.

(See HIGHWAY WORKS on page 11)

High Court stays Irwin Road widening

Bengaluru, Jan. 11 (BCT)- The Karnataka High Court has stayed the widening of Irwin Road in Mysuru. The stay was issued this morning by Justice Dr. Siddappa Sunil Dutt Yadav.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning from Bengaluru, Taj Mohammad Khan of Irwin Road Ulisi Horata Samithi said that three Writ Petitions were filed in the High Court (1240/19, 1208/19 and 12007/19) and the Court admitted all three of them and granted the stay for widening and demolition.

On Dec. 25, the Mysuru City Corporation had begun demolition of the properties on the 850-metre Irwin Road, one of the busiest roads that connect Sub-Urban Bus Stand to the City Railway Station.

Thalassery-Mysuru Railway Line echoes in Parliament

Get eco clearances first, Centre tells Kerala MP

New Delhi, Jan. 11 (BCT)- Elected representatives from Kerala seem to be lobbying hard for the implementation of the controversial Thalassery-Mysuru Railway Line that will pass through lush green forests in South Kodagu despite opposition to the project from residents of Kodagu and Mysuru and environmentalists.

MPs from the neighbouring State have been raising this issue in Lok Sabha and the latest question was raised by Mullapally Ramachandran on Jan. 2 this year where the MP asked the Railway Minister whether the feasibility study of Thalassery-Mysuru Railway Line has been completed and Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been submitted and if so, the details thereof and the decision taken in this regard.

The line from Thalassery will cut through Manandavadi, green belt of Kutta, Kanoor, Balele, Thithimathi and Anechowkur to Mysuru and has a length of 180 kilometres. The estimated project cost is Rs. 5,000 crore.

Replying to Mullapally Ramachandran in writing, Minister of State for Railways Rajen Gohain said that the feasibility report for Thalassery-Periyapatna (Mysuru) line submitted by Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL), a Joint Venture Company of Government of Kerala and Ministry of Railways, has been prepared in January 2018.

"The feasibility report has been prepared without any survey on ground and there is no assessment of the impact of Railway Line in the forest zone involving fragile ecosystem and protected forest areas/ sanctuaries," the Minister stated.

(See CLEARANCES on page 11)

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Delivering quality education

Learning languages and choice of *language* as medium of instruction at primary and secondary school stages seem to have got into the crucible of confusion and cauldron of controversy in the camp of litterateurs even as the political class is not unanimous in deciding the issue and the parents, the primary stakeholders and their children, the secondary stakeholders (or vice-versa), are mute witnesses to the goings on. The central point of the matter that figured during the just concluded All India Kannada Conference at Dharwad emerged was the earlier settled matter of favouring *mother-tongue* as the ideal medium of instruction to begin the education journey of the school-bound children.

The justification for prescribing English teaching in schools of Karnataka ostensibly to ensure a fail-safe future in life failed to gel with pro-Kannada camp. The argument by the Kannada protagonists that allowing English as one of the languages to be studied compulsorily would spell the death knell of Kannada is well-taken.

A few important points loom large in the wake of the ongoing English-or-no-English dilemma. If *mother-tongue* (whatever it may mean) is chosen as the medium of instruction in primary and secondary school stage, which of the myriad mother-tongues should the school choose? Secondly, only 1,000 schools under the government management are proposed to comply with the prescription of teaching English, which amounts to discrimination. Third and most important point is the fact that the powers that be have forgotten the professionally proved feature that children have exceptional ability to learn languages, unlike the adults who are bugged by dimwit and prejudice to languages other than what they are conversant with.

The consequences of implementing the policy of Right To Education and also regulatory law relating to school fee and capitation are other issues that continue to be in the cloud. Those who invest capital for starting primary schools are truly brave-hearts battling with officialdom with its poor public image in the matter of transparency and honesty.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

DOS AND DON'TS: ***The reception at Shastri Bhawan in the Capital, which houses the offices of several Union Ministries, has recently put in writing the dos and don'ts for visitors. Irked by people who want entry passes to be issued by the receptionists and tired of telling them that merely previous visit does not qualify one to get a pass every time they come, the reception has put it out in writing that the passes will not be issued without the authority concerned informing the front desk.*** — *In Business Standard*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Family baffled by man licking doorbell button

California: A family in California were baffled after seeing a video of a strange man licking the doorbell button for no logical reason.

The family had just returned to their home last Saturday morning when they decided to check the security footage. They had been automatically notified about unusual activity on the premises the night before, but they had been out of time.

When they first started getting notifications from the security system, David Dungan thought it was just his stepson coming home from work. One thing's for sure, the family weren't expecting a strange man making out with their doorbell button. And yet, that's exactly what the footage showed.

Horses turned into amazing artworks

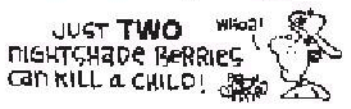
Greater Manchester: 30-year-old Melody Hames, who has been clipping horses for over two decades is being credited for turning horse clipping into an art form.

Hames started clipping horses when she was nine-years-old and really got into it by clipping her pet Connermara pony who suffered from cushings disease, a condition that caused it to have a thick woolly coat that didn't change in the warmer season. She did traditional clipping for a long time, but having always had a passion for the arts, and getting requests for custom artistic clipping from clients, Hames started unleashing her creativity on the horses coats and soon became known as 'The Horse Barber.'

Through her unique passion, Melody Hames changed equestrian clipping as we know it, turning it into an art form. She travels the world showing off her skills and teaching others the secrets of the trade.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is deadly nightshade?



Belladonna, or deadly nightshade, is a member of the Solanceae family. It is native to Europe, North Africa and Western Asia. The leaves and berries are highly toxic, containing tropane alkaloids that can cause delirium, hallucinations, even death. In earlier times, Belladonna was used as an anaesthetic for surgery.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

City Dermatologist to deliver Guest Lecture at B'luru

Mysuru, Jan. 11- **Dr. H. Hanumanthappa,** Senior Consultant Dermatologist and former Director and Dean; Head, Department of Dermatology, K.R. Hospital, Mysuru, has been invited to deliver a Guest Lecture on "Management of Skin Diseases of Male Genital Organ (Management of Chronic Balanitis)" and to participate in a Panel Discussion and Chair a Scientific Session during the All India National and International Conference of Dermatologists (Dermacon International 2019) at Bengaluru from Jan. 17 to 20.

He has delivered many guest lectures in National and International Conferences earlier. He has also participated in many Seminars and served as National President of Paediatric Dermatologists' Association and as MCI Inspector of India.

Invited for ICMIP-2019 at Malaysia

Dr. Parameshachari *Manjula*

Mysuru, Jan.11 - Dr. B.D. Parameshachari, Professor and Head, Department of Telecommunication Engineering, GSSS Institute of Engineering & Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, has been invited as Speaker and to Chair a Session at the **4th International Conference on Multimedia and Image Processing (ICMIP-2019),** University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, during Jan. 19 - Jan.21.

G. Manjula, Associate Professor, Department of Telecommunication Engineering, GSSSIETW, who is pursuing Ph.D under the guidance of Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, too has been invited to present a paper at ICMIP- 2019.

The objective of ICMIP is to present the latest research and results of scientists related to multimedia and image processing topics.

The papers will be published in ACM digital library and submitted for EiCompendex and also indexed by Scopus.

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VOICE OF THE READER

D.K. Shivakumar and Kodagu

Sir,

In the letter titled ***"Proposed Disneyland Advisory Panel: A jumbo farce"*** (*SOM* dated Jan. 9), I saw the name of D.K. Shivakumar, Water Resources Minister, as the Panel Chairman.

You may take it that he will push Disneyland project as he wants.

It may be recalled that when he was the Energy Minister he met the people in Kodagu who were protesting against the High Tension Power-line across the forests, coffee estates and fields of Kodagu. He promised to help them by getting the project cancelled. What did he do? Nothing. Thousands of trees were felled (good timber) and the power-line was installed. For somebody's financial benefit, permanent damage was done to the flora and fauna of the district. And people were made mute spectators.

Everybody loves money to keep winning the election. Nobody loves the motherland.

— **K.P. Karumbaiah**

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Rly. Pensioners' Monthly Meeting on Jan. 13

Mysuru, Jan.11- The monthly meeting of Railway Pensioners' Welfare Association, Mysuru, will be held on Jan.13 at 10.30 am at A. Manuel Hall, Seshadri Iyer Road. Association President G. Armugam will preside. General Secretary C.G. Krishna will speak.

Apollo Hospital, Mysuru, will be conducting Cardiac Evening Clinic to Retired Employees Liberalised Health Scheme card holders on a special offer of Rs.100 for ECG, BP, GRBS, screening and free consultation.

Pensioners and their family members can avail these benefits within a month on production of ID card. For details contact the Association General Secretary on Mob: 94481-06569, according to a press release.

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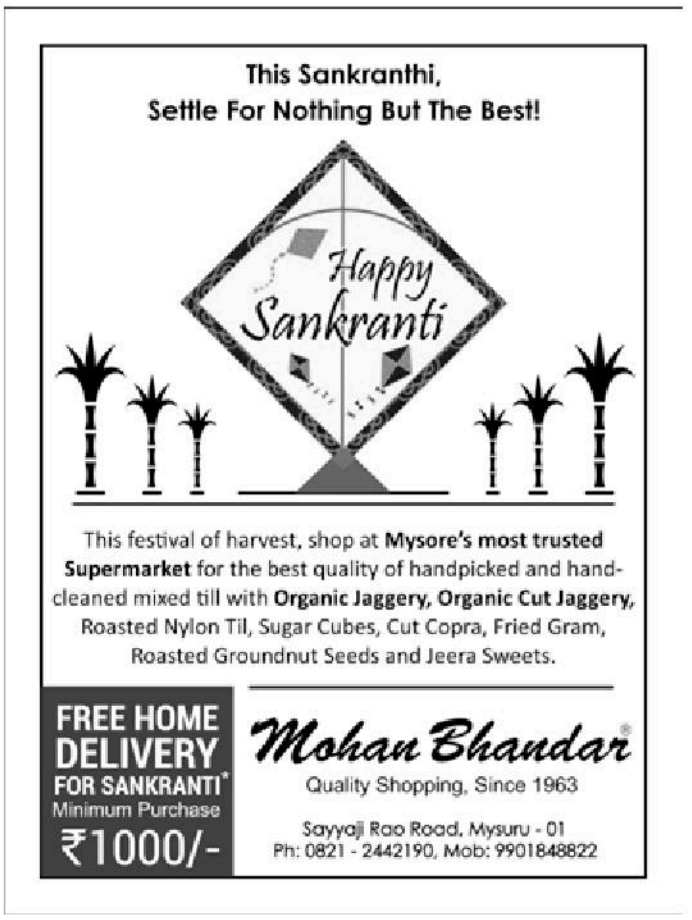
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NEWS BRIEFS

Inter-School Sports competition

Kodagu Model School, Vidyashankar Nagar, Sathagalli is organising an Inter-School Sports Competition on Jan.12 (Saturday) at its campus at 9 am. Throw-Ball for boys and Kho-Kho for girls students of (5th to 8th Standard) will be held. For details, call Mob: 98453-04360 or 99018-13733.

Demo on 'Kobbari Mitai' making

Nisarga Trust will conduct a demo on 'Bellada Kobbari Mithai' and 'Sajjige' making at 10 am tomorrow (Jan.12) at its premises on Kamakshi Hospital road in Kuvempunagar by Chamaraju of Honnur. For details, call 0821-2543627 / Mob: 99015-93656.

Sugar candy contest on Jan.13

As part of Sankranti festival, city's Arivu Samsthe, will be conducting a sugar candies contest and expo of homemade Sugar candies at Sharada Prasada Bhavan on Uttaradi Mutt Road at 11 am on Jan.13 (Sunday). The deadline for registration is 6 pm on Jan.12. For details, call Mob: 98804-34029 or 99648-04040. The winners of 1st prize will get Rs.3,000, 2nd prize Rs.2,000 and 3rd prize Rs.1,000.

Laksha Deepothsava

Laksha Deepothsava has been organised on Jan. 14 (Monday) at Sree Ayyappa Swamy and Sree Guruvayurappan Temple at the foot of Chamundi Hill at 6.15 pm. Suttur Seer Sir Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will inaugurate. MLA S.A. Ramdas will be the chief guest. Sri Kumar Gangothri and party will render Sri Ayyappa Swamy devotional songs at 5 pm.

Revised voters list to be published on Jan.16

The revised final voters list will be published on Jan.16. Voters in all the Constituencies of the district should ascertain the inclusion of their names in the revised list. People who have completed 18 years on Jan.1, 2019 can also enrol for the voters list, according to a press release from the DC.

Ex-servicemen meet

The Department of Sainik Welfare and Rehabilitation has organised a meeting of ex-servicemen and their family members of the district to be chaired by the Deputy Commissioner. Ex-servicemen of Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts should submit their grievances in writing (duplicate) with all details before Jan.25 to the Deputy Director of the Department. For details, call Ph: 0821-2425240.

Pregnant woman dies after two injections at Chamarajanagar

Chamarajanagar, Jan.11 (SS)- A 28-year-old pregnant woman died after she was allegedly administered injections at the District Hospital here on Thursday.

Netravathi (28), a resident of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Colony in the town is the deceased.

Netravathi, who was in the seventh month of her pregnancy went to the hospital for a check up, where she was given an injection on arrival and another one thirty minutes later.

A few minutes later, Netravathi fell unconscious, following which she was put on ventilator support. But Netravathi died some time later, it is learnt.

Soon after Netravathi's death was announced, her relatives

Deceased Netravathi

and neighbours held a demonstration in front of the District Hospital. Accusing medical negligence on the part of doctors, the protestors blocked B. Rachaiah Double Road in the town, urging the district administration to announce compensation for the deceased Netravathi's family.

Senior cops who arrived at the spot, convinced the relatives to withdraw the protest after promising a probe.

Meanwhile, Chamarajanagar District Surgeon Dr. Raghuram Sarvegar denying any medical negligence on the part of doctors, said that Netravathi's death may be attributed to cardiac ailment.

Noting that Netravathi was undergoing treatment for a heart ailment at Jayadeva Hospital in Mysuru for the past eight years, Dr. Raghuram said that Netravathi had conceived earlier too but had suffered a miscarriage after eight months. But she conceived again against the advice of doctors, he said and added that all efforts by the doctors to revive her condition by putting her on a ventilator, failed.

Meanwhile, Chamrajanagar DC B.B. Cauvery who visited the hospital, directed the Police to conduct the inquest and post-mortem (PM) of Netravathi at Mysuru Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) as the Chamarajanagar District Hospital has been blamed for her death.

As the relatives of deceased Netravathi accused medical negligence on the part of Chamarajanagar District Hospital doctors, the DC instructed the Police to conduct the inquest and the PM at MMC&RI mortuary in Mysuru to find out the exact cause of her death, it is learnt.

Anti-Corruption Bureau Dy.SP to receive complaints from public

Mysuru, Jan.11 (KS)- The Deputy Superintendent of Police (Dy.SP) of Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Mysuru District will be receiving complaints from the public at various taluks on the following days and will also be conducting an awareness programme on corruption for the public.

Jan. 16 (11.30 am to 1.30 pm) - K.R. Nagar Inspection Bungalow and from 3 pm to 4.30 pm at Hunsur Inspection Bungalow.

Jan.17 (11.30 am to 1.30 pm) - Periyapatna Inspection Bungalow.

Jan.18 (11.30 am to 1.30 pm) - H.D. Kote Inspection Bungalow and from 3 pm to 4.30 pm at Saragur Inspection Bungalow.

Jan.19 (11.30 am to 1.30 pm) - Nanjangud Inspection Bungalow and from 3 pm to 4.30 pm at T. Narasipur Inspection Bungalow.

The Public may lodge complaints pertaining to delay in works at Government offices, demand for bribe to get the work done and other such issues, said the DySP, ACB Police Station, Mysuru District.

Corporator, Yadavagiri Residents' Association stage protest

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (KS)- Alleging that MCC Health officials had not visited the Ward since about six months despite being requested by the area Corporator, Ward 18 Corporator Guru Vinayak, Yadavagiri Residents' Welfare Association Convener S.K. Dinesh and area residents staged a protest in front of MCC Zone 4 office here this morning.

Association Convener S.K. Dinesh, speaking to *SOM* said that Yadavagiri is a well kept area with a lot of green cover resulting in falling of dry leaves daily which are being piled up.

He alleged that no MCC vehicle is provided to clear the piles since about six months resulting in the accumulation of dry leaves and said that miscreants were setting fire to the dry leaves which was polluting the environment.

Meanwhile, MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha, who arrived at the spot, spoke to the protestors and promised to undertake inspection of the area from tomorrow besides assuring to solve their problems, Dinesh added.

Fire destroys 25-acre forest at Bandipur

Gundlupet, Jan. 11 (SOMG& KS)- A fire, allegedly triggered from the burning of waste at a field in Melukamanahalli bordering Bandipur Reserve Forest, has destroyed over 25 acre of forest yesterday.

It is learnt that dry leaves and other such waste was set of fire at a field bordering Bandipur Forest and due to wind, sparks flew to the adjoining Bandipur Forest igniting dry leaves, twigs etc. resulting in trees and plants in over 25 acre forest getting destroyed in the fire.

Meanwhile, forest staff and youths of Melukamanahalli, rushed to the spot and managed to douse the fire and prevented it from spreading further. Bandipur Project Tiger Director Ambadi Madhav, who inspected the spot, told the media that complaint would be lodged against those responsible for the fire and action would be taken against them.

Woman goes missing from city

Mysuru, Jan.11(KS)- A 50-year-old woman, who left her house at Hinkal on Nov. 1, 2018 at about 6.30 pm has since gone missing.

The missing woman, identified as Nandamma, is 5 ft. tall, round faced, well built, oily red complexioned, speaks Kannada and Telugu and was wearing a grey coloured saree at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing person, may contact Vijayanagar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418117/317/517 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release from the Sub Inspector Vijayanagar Police Station, Mysuru.

Obituary

Gowri Seetharamarao

Mysuru, Jan.11- Gowri

Seetharamarao (89), a resident of Kalidasa Road in Jayalakshmipuram, passed away yesterday evening in city.

She leaves behind sons K.S.N. Rao, Secretary of Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha and Chandramouleshwara Temple and Dr. Manjunath Prasad, daughter Manjula Sriram, grand children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam here last night, according to family sources.

Shadakshari Swamy is KPSC Interim Chairman

Shadakshari Swamy

Bengaluru, Jan.11 - The State Cabinet on Thursday decided to appoint retired IAS Officer S.P. Shadakshari Swamy as Interim Chairman of Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC).

Shadakshari Swamy, who is the younger brother of Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, was appointed as one of the KPSC members in Oct. 2017 by the previous Siddharamaiah Government.

The KPSC Chairman post had fallen vacant following the retirement of T. Sham Bhat, a former IAS Officer.

Briefing presspersons on the Cabinet decisions, Co-operation Minister Bandeppa Kashempur said the Cabinet authorised Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy to finalise the dates for Governor Vajubhai R. Vala to address the Joint Session of State Legislature.

Dasara exhibition ends

Mysuru, Jan.11(YDS&DM) - The annual Dasara Exhibition saw an abrupt end on Wednesday as the tendered contractor refused to pay the additional amount as directed by Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA).

The Dasara exhibition which was earlier extended to Jan.15 and the KEA asked the contractor to pay a total of Rs. 62.16 lakh for the additional eight days, based pro-rata basis of Rs. 7.77 lakh per day.

The contractor, however, refused to pay additional charges and told the KEA that the stall owners, after refusing to continue, had demanded issuance of exit pass.

New BDA Chairman

Somashekar

Bengaluru, Jan.11- After a show of resentment from the Congress camp over some of their recommendations for the posts of Chairman of Boards and Corporations not being cleared, CM H.D. Kumaraswamy on Wednesday cleared four Congress legislators to take charge as Heads of Boards and Corporations.

Those appointed were Yashwantpur MLA S.T. Somashekar as Chairman of Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), Shantinagar MLA N.A. Haris as Chairman of BMTC, Bagepalli MLA S.N. Subbareddy as Chairman of Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation and Hubballi-Dharwad (East) MLA Prasad Abbayya as Chairman of Babu Jagjvan Ram Leather Industries Development Corporation.

But the appointments of Chikkaballapur MLA K. Sudhakar as KSPCB Chairman and Doddaballapur MLA T. Venkataramaiah as Chairman of KRDCL are yet to be cleared.

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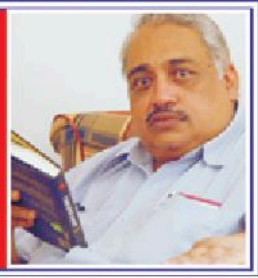
Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD



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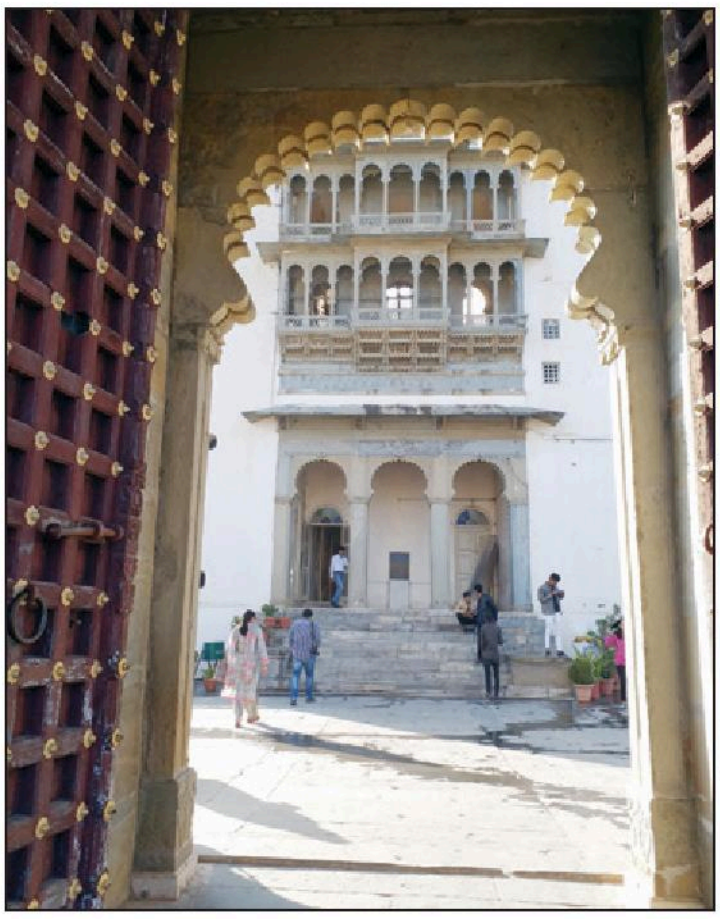
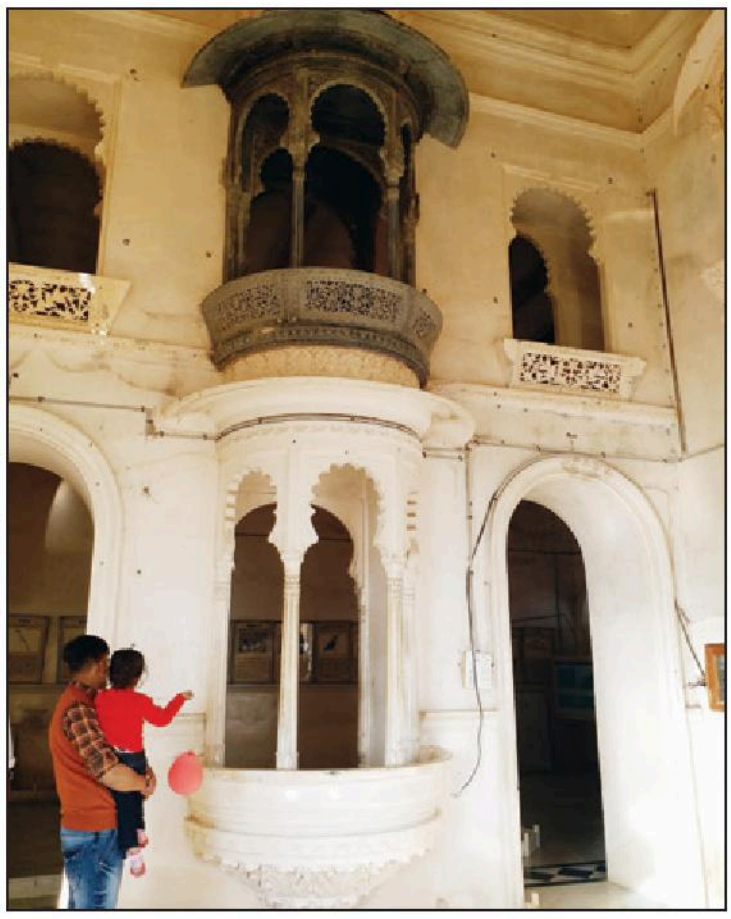


Entrance to the Sajjangarh Palace in Udaipur.



Interior of the Sajjangarh Palace.

In my article of last Friday I said that Udaipur and Mysuru are similar because they are both cities of Lakes and Palaces. I would like to add here that they strike me as being similar for another reason. Amid the many Palaces that they have, they both also have two tiny Palaces; each perched on its own little hill, sadly sharing the same fate today !

We all know of the **Rajendra Vilas Palace atop our Chamundi Hill** which despite its great location has not been getting the attention that it richly deserves. This summer retreat of our Maharajas which has a blend of the Rajasthani and the Indo-Sarcenic architectural styles was built by **Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar** at the highest spot of the Chamundi Hill where a much smaller building is said to have stood since the year 1822. Some sources say that the Maharaja used to have his early English and Philosophy classes in this Palace.

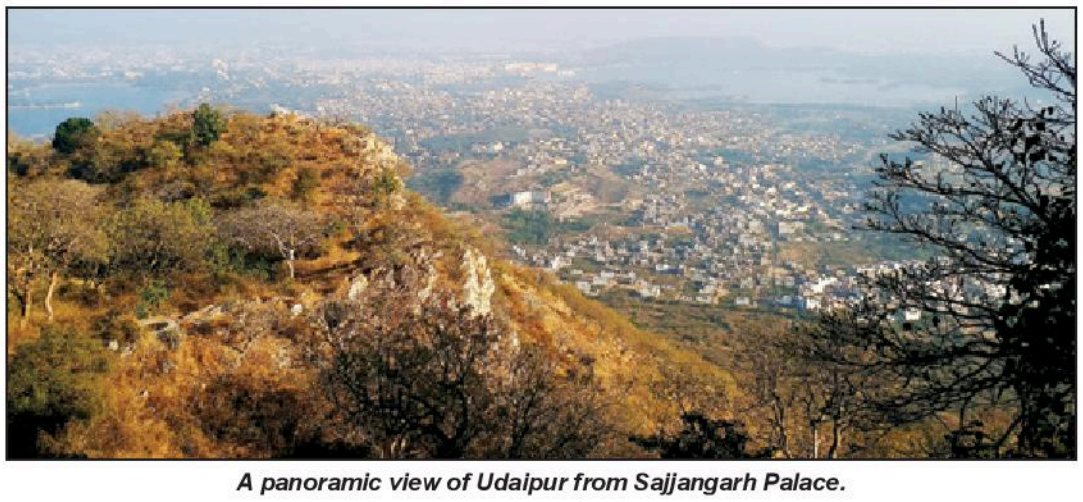
Much has been written in *SOM* in the recent past about the once glorious state and the present sad state of this royal abode. If my memory serves me right, KBG has written two full articles about this place. One was about his visits to the place along with his brother Dr. K. B. Subbaiah when it was being run as a high-end hotel by the **ITC-Welcome Group** and the second was about his interaction and discussion with the late **Prince Srikantadatta Wadiyar** about his plans to develop the place after he terminated the lease with the ITC-Welcome Group. **KBG laments in his second article that the plans which the Prince projected seemed rather ill-conceived and far-fetched to him. Not very surprisingly, the events that followed and the present sorry state of the once beautiful Palace have proved his doubts right.**

Since I have also written about my impressions about the history and the grandeur of the place and my association with it, I will not dilate on this subject here today. It suffices if I say that its present state is something that pains all Mysureans who take pride in the glory and the rich heritage of their city and are keen that it retains them in the years to come.

Udaipur too has a hill-top royal abode; the **Sajjangarh Palace** which is very similar to our Rajendra Vilas. Unlike the Rajendra Vilas, this is an incomplete Palace but the similarity is that this too is abandoned and desolate today. **They can thus be called distant cousins** in distress ! Like its slightly younger sibling, the Sajjangarh Palace was built in the year 1884 during the reign of **Maharana Sajjan Singh,** the seventy second ruler of the Mewar Dynasty. Like Krishnaraja Wadiyar, he too, had his coronation as a 'Boy King' at a very young age but he ruled for a remarkably short period of just ten years between 1874 and 1884 before dying at the tender age of 27 exactly like his adoptive father **Shambhu Singh**. He built this Palace as a hunting lodge and also a place from which to watch the monsoon set in upon Udaipur.

Built of white marble on Bansdara peak of the Aravalli Hills surrounding the city of Udaipur, it commands a great panoramic view of the city and the Fatehsagar Lake. Upon Sajjan Singh's premature death, his successor **Maharana Fateh Singh** made some attempts to complete its construction but for reasons which are not very clear he abandoned them midway. Some say it was a cash crunch while others say that it was the scarcity of water at the place. But the result was that from the grandiose nine-storied edifice it was meant to be it was left in the much stunted form that we see it in today. It has many richly decorated marble pillars, balconies, towers and turrets which only seem very out of place in their isolation.

But what is noteworthy is that it has a unique rain water harvesting system which is way ahead of its time with huge underground sumps capable of holding nearly 2,00,000 litres of water. But the inclusion of this facility into its construction is not very surprising considering the fact that water must have been a much priced necessity at that elevation in a rain starved region before the era of mechanical pumps. This Palace too like the Lake Palace was one of the locales for the shooting of the movie ***Octopussy*** which I mentioned in my last article. Although **Maharana Bhagvanth Singh** in the year 1955 handed over the ownership and upkeep of this Palace to the Rajasthan Forest Department which has established the **Maharana Sajjan Singh Forest Sanctuary** in its environs, nothing much has been done to maintain the Palace except for leasing out a small verandah with its courtyard to run a coffee shop. **If not for anything else it is a place that merits a visit just to see the magnificent sunset and the magical twinkling lights of Udaipur soon after !**



A panoramic view of Udaipur from Sajjangarh Palace.

There is an interesting story of how Maharana Sajjan Singh is said to have refused to accept the **'Star of India'** award bestowed on him by **Queen Victoria** in the year 1881 as he felt that it was below his dignity to do so ! **He reasoned that a senior representative of the descendants of the sun (The Suryavanshis) should not be demeaned by being decorated by a mere star !** Later, after much persuasion by his counsellors he is said to have relented and accepted the award as a token of affection and respect from one monarch to another, celebrating the event by a lavish dinner at Chittor to which he invited Lord Ripon the royal representative. **So much for royal blood!**

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Annual Feast at Infant Jesus Cathedral in city from Jan. 12 to Jan.20

Mysuru, Jan.11 - The Annual Feast of the Infant Jesus Cathedral on Hunsur Road will be celebrated from Jan. 12 to Jan.20. The Annual Feast celebrations will begin with the Flag Hoisting by Fr. Thomas Mangalathil, the Parish Priest at 6.30 pm on Saturday followed by the Holy Mass and Novena. Fr. Johnson Pullatt MST will be the main celebrant for the Holy Mass and Novena at 8 am on Jan. 13.

There will be Holy Mass and Novena at 6.30 pm everyday from Jan. 14 to 18. Msgr. George Alukka, Vicar General, Diocese of Mandya will celebrate the Holy Mass and Novena at 6.30 pm on Jan. 19 followed by the Eucharistic Procession.

On Jan. 20, the Most Solemn Feast Day, there will be Holy Mass at 7 am. Very Rev. Dr. Varghese Kelamparambil CMI,

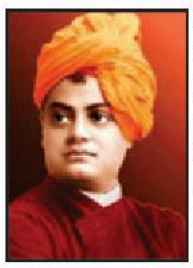
Provincial, St. Paul's Province, Mysuru, will be the Main celebrant for the Solemn High Mass in Malayalam at 10.30 am. Around 3000 devotees are expected to take part in the *Annasantharpane* at 12.30 pm.

Rt. Rev. Dr. K. A. William, the Bishop of Mysuru, will celebrate the Solemn High Mass in Kannada at 4.30 pm followed by the grand candle light procession in honour of Infant Jesus in colourful chariot with bandsets and shinkarimela to the Ring Road Junction, Hinkal. Shinkarmela performance and fireworks display will be held at 7.30 pm. Wayanad Sandra Communications will stage the Malayalam drama *"Aarum Kothikkunna Mannu"* at 8 pm.

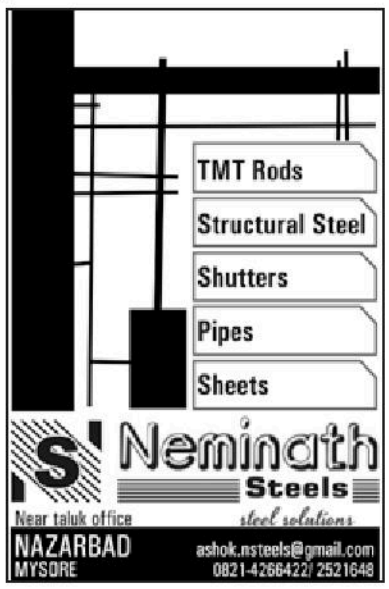
Special arrangements have been made for the Crown offering to Infant Jesus during the Feast days, according to a press release from Michael Joseph, General Convener.

National Youth Day tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan.11 - Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru, in association with Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education (RIMSE) and Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Yadavagiri, will be celebrating National Youth Day on Jan.12 marking Swami Vivekananda's birthday. Nearly 1,500 students from various schools along with teachers will participate in the celebrations.



The programme begins with floral tribute to Swami Vivekananda's statue at Cheluvamba Park in the presence of Revered Swamijis. The procession begins from Akashavani Circle at 8.30 am and concludes at Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala after passing through Kalidasa Road, Mathrumandali Circle and Vontikoppal Post Office Road.



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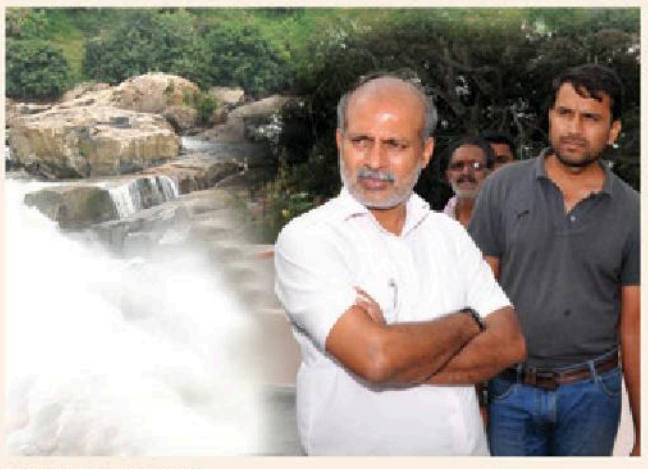

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Happy Anniversary: Mysuru Indira Canteens turn one...

The best meal for Rs. 5 & Rs. 10

Indira Canteens, launched by previous government headed by Siddharamaiah, have served lakhs of meals to Mysureans since the past one year. The scheme was launched exactly a year ago (Jan.11, 2018) and the consensus so far: It's a healthy, tasty and affordable option for all, but especially for the poor and those who need to grab a meal on the go. There are a few negative voices too, but as they say, negativity is a part of any government scheme. Many say the canteens have made a difference when it comes to serving low-cost, hot meals to the urban poor. The canteens were primarily targeted at autorickshaw drivers, construction labourers and daily wagers.

Star of Mysore team looks at the response to the scheme by visiting all the 11 canteens in city and comes back impressed as a majority of people who frequent the canteens are satisfied with both food and service.

A morning at Indira Canteen

By Team *Star of Mysore*

At 07.30 am every day, the gates are thrown open and the crowds rush in. There's some pushing around but all of them fall in line with and the queue just expands. Though the queue moves quickly, many in the line are eager to grab the first meal of the day with salivating mouths, growing impatient if the queue does not move.

They walk up to a small window, hand over their money and receive one or two green plastic tokens, which are then exchanged at the counter for food. They pick up their bright yellow trays and move to a table in the room or outside in the courtyard to eat.

The food is fresh, warm, flavourful and delicious. And the best part is that each dish (breakfast) costs a mere five rupees and lunch at ten rupees, which is as good as free.

Eating out cheap is indeed pleasure

Indira Canteen, one of the ambitious 'food for all' projects of the Government, is completing one year today in Mysuru. It has drawn all-round appreciation from thousands of poor, hungry masses, apart from labour class, autorickshaw drivers, school and college-going students, who eat here every day.

Location of Indira Canteens

Eleven Indira Canteens have been opened in Mysuru. They are located in CADA Office premises near Gun House Circle, K.R. Hospital (Cheluvamba) premises, Opposite People's Park close to Rural Bus Stand in Government Girls PU Composite College premises, on Shanthinagar Double Road opposite Beedi Workers Hospital, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Park in Ashokapuram, near Kumbarakoppal Gate, near RTO West Office on Dr. Rajkumar Road, on Jodi Thenginamara Road in Bannimantap near NURM Housing scheme, on Lalitha Mahal Road near Alanahalli Junction and near Sewage Farm in Vidyaranyapuram.

Food is being served at CADA Office Indira Canteen. There is good response here as people even sit on ground to savour food as there is less space available.

Demand in a few canteens

In every canteen, arrangements have been made to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner each day for 500 people. However, in a few canteens not more than 300 people partake breakfast or food. But wherever there is more demand, larger quantities of food is being supplied.

Out of the 11 canteens, the demand is seen only in five canteens. In the canteen in K.R. Hospital (Cheluvamba) premises, patients and their wards consume both breakfast and lunch. In the CADA premises canteen, along with autorickshaw drivers, tongawallas and students, visitors (who sometimes come in cars) are also making use of the canteen in large numbers. In the canteens near Rural Bus Stand, Alanahalli Junction and Kumbarakoppal Gate, people of all strata eat breakfast and lunch. In all these five canteens, more than 700 people eat breakfast and lunch every day.

Facility for Pourakarmikas too

From Oct. 4, over 2,426 Pourakarmikas working in 65 wards are being served food. Every day at 11.30 am, food is taken from the kitchen to all the 11 Indira Canteens in autorickshaws for the benefit of Pourakarmikas.

The Indira Canteen near Alanahalli Junction on Lalitha Mahal Road is frequented by daily wage workers and students. Hundreds of daily wagers coming from T. Narasipur, Bannur and surrounding villages who descend on Mysuru everyday to earn a living, depend on the low cost Indira Canteens. These daily wagers eat breakfast served between 7 am and 8.30 am and go and wait near circles for work contractors to pick them up.

The canteen in front of Beedi Workers Hospital on Double Road at Shanthinagar majorly caters to school-going children's lunch. Parents come with lunch boxes and fill it with breakfast for the students to eat at school during lunch time.

There is good response at the canteen on Dr. Rajkumar Road near RTO West in Kalyanagiri, where garage mechanics, workers, auto drivers, and those visiting RTO Office come to have breakfast and lunch.

First-hand account of food

Even for those earning Rs. 7,000 a month, spending Rs. 30 for a meal every day adds up to a lot of money. The meals served at the Indira Canteens are priced at Rs. 5 and Rs. 10 and they have really made a difference. I come for masonry work to Mysuru and have lunch here. They serve rice, sambar and curd rice. Sometimes I take two helpings and I am satisfied with the service here. This facility is a boon for poor people like us.

— **Kumar,** T. Narasipur

I have eaten in Indira Canteen several times. They serve quality food. For Rs.10, more than the required quantity is served. Nowhere else can we get breakfast and lunch at such low prices. They have also maintained cleanliness in canteens."

— **Suresh,** Autorickshaw Driver

I have come to Indira Canteen several times with my friends. This has been beneficial for school and college students. Daily wagers and students coming from rural areas eat here without any inhibition. They are serving rice, sambar and curd rice and both quality and quantity is maintained."

— **Basavaraju,** Student

Many times Khichdi is served. Rice and sambar served in the afternoon is very tasty. I keep frequenting with my friends. All class of people including labourers and autorickshaw drivers come here to have breakfast and lunch. This facility must continue at any cost."

— **Sundar,** Student

I come here only in the morning and afternoon. The quantity that is served for the Rs.10 we pay is enough. It is greed to demand more. The canteen set up for the poor is definitely proving useful."

— **Ayaz Pasha,** Shanthinagar

Many times when our children go to school, we have got them breakfast at Indira Canteen. Idli, upma, rice bath are all very tasty. We also fill lunch boxes with the same breakfast and send them to school. Even though this is meant for the poor, all class of people are making use of this facility.

— **Salma,** Rajivnagar

We are feeding our children breakfast and lunch without any problem. On holidays if there is a delay in preparing breakfast, we come here and take the parcel home. Even though we might not get the breakfast of our choice we still pack it and come home. Till now we have no complaints. At times it might be bland but not a problem."

— **Sumaiya,** Aziz Sait Block

An employee of Indira Canteen master kitchen at Kumbarakoppal prepares rice for lunch while people savour food outside the Kumbarakoppal Indira Canteen. Even the food wasted is regularly collected to be fed for pigs at several piggeries in city.

Lack of staff at a few canteens

The 11 Indira Canteens started in the city last year for the poorer sections of the society and that too to the labour class are running quite efficiently except for one or two problems.

The canteen in K.R. Hospital is a boon to majority of patients who come there. Instead of visiting the nearby hotels and pay more, they can fill their stomachs at very little cost here. Everyday more than 400 people eat breakfast, lunch and dinner here. There are instances of people returning without getting lunch as it gets over fast.

The canteen near Overhead Tank in Shara-dadevinagar has a lot of demand for both breakfast and lunch. Not only labour class but also employees of shops surrounding the area depend on this canteen. Everyday more than 300 people have breakfast and lunch. But shortage of staff is a problem here.

There is no fluctuation in taste of food and is served hot. For daily wager Nagaswami who comes from Kavalande in Nanjangud taluk, Indira Canteen is a boon. He comes by train everyday and has his breakfast and lunch here.

Mangalamma, who ekes out a living working as a housemaid, however, has her own self-esteem. She does not eat anything given at the houses she works. She has developed a taste for the food at Indira Canteen. She has breakfast and later works in four or five houses and while she has the simple Anna-sambar while returning home in the afternoon.

Two employees have to perform all tasks

It is common to find minimum five employees in each Indira Canteen. One for giving tokens, one for serving food, one to clean the canteen premises and two for cleaning utensils. However, in Sharadadevinagar canteen there are only two employees who run the show. When *Star of Mysore* visited the place, it was found that just the two were involved in all the jobs including giving tokens, serving food, cleaning the utensils and the premises. When asked for their reaction, they refused to talk.

But later when a person, who is a regular visitor, said that the employees were not being paid salaries regularly and hence a few of them had left and now no one else was coming to wash glasses and plates.

Positive response for quality, quantity

When *SOM* visited a few of the canteens to gauge the response, there were hardly any complaints. Some of the canteens were brimming with people both in the morning and afternoon where the canteens have played a big role in satiating the hunger of daily wagers and patients.

Nagaraju, a cook said that he comes from K.R. Pet taluk and cooks in Choultries. He could eat the food at Choultries itself but when it is not available then he comes to Indira Canteen. If one has to eat at fast food joint, then one has to shell out a minimum of Rs. 60 to eat out twice. However, at Indira Canteen just Rs. 10 is enough, he said.

Power cut, water problem; salaries not paid on time

The canteen on Jodi Thenginamara Road is facing problem as electricity to the canteen has been cut because of non-payment of bills. As a result in the evening, employees have to work under candle light and even people have to eat in the dark.

The demand here when compared to other canteens is not much and one of the reasons is because there are a few hotels that have sprung in nearby areas serving cheap food. Hence, only 150 to 200 people have breakfast and lunch and during dinner it trickles down to just 100 to 120.

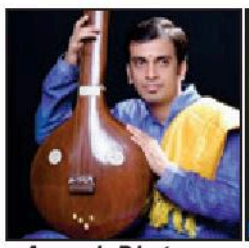
The RO water filters in the canteen near Beedi Workers Hospital go out of order quite often which is causing problems to both the staff and the people. Some of the employees on condition of anonymity said that their salaries are not being paid on time.

KITCHENS UPGRADED: The two kitchens at Kumbarakoppal and Alanahalli which supply food to all the 11 canteens have upgraded their facilities and that is one of the reasons why there are very few complaints from people.

However, one of the disgruntled voices is of Naseeruddin Pasha who eats at the canteen near Beedi Workers Hospital regularly. He says that three idlies served is hardly sufficient. B. Srikanth, who is from Beedi Colony, says that he has been eating in the canteen every day and so far he has not had any health issues. However, in spite of the good response, the demand for opening more Indira Canteens in the city has not come up.

[Inputs by S.T. Ravi Kumar, M.T. Yogesh Kumar, Rajkumar Bhavasar and Pavan Murthy. Photos by Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Nada Milana: Mysuru-Mangaluru Music Festival at Ganabharathi


Aneesh Bhat

Divyashree

Krishna Pawan

Prarthana

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Shreya

Ganabharathi in association with Mani Krishnaswamy Academy is organising a unique exchange programme, Mangaluru - Mysuru Music Festival "Nada Milana."

As part of this programme, six young upcoming artistes from Mangaluru will perform at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar on Jan.13 (Sunday) from 10 am to 8 pm. Similarly, young artistes from Mysuru will perform at Mangaluru on Jan. 20. It will go a long way in recognising and encouraging the young talents and growth of classical art form.

Following is the list of artistes, who will perform at Ganabharathi on Jan. 13:

10 am to 11.15 am: Aneesh V. Bhat - vocal, Pruthvi Bhaskar - violin, P.S. Sridhar - mridanga. **11.25 am to 12.40 pm:** Shreya Kolathaya - vocal, Shruthi - violin, P.S. Sridhar - mridanga. **1.30 pm to 2.45 pm:** Divyashree - vocal, Shruti - violin, Nandan Kashyap - mridanga. **2.55 pm to 4.10 pm:** Sadhgun Aithal - mandolin, Yashaswi - violin, Sayishivu Lakshmikeshav - mridanga. **4.20 pm to 5.35 pm:** Krishna Pawan Kumar - flute, Sumanth Manjunath - violin, Sayishivu Lakshmikeshav - mridanga. **5.45 pm to 7.45 pm:** Prarthana Sai Narasimhan - vocal, Vaibhav Ramani - violin, Anoor Vinod Shyam - mridanga, S. Manjunath - ghata.

At Mangaluru

The following artistes will perform in Mangaluru on Jan. 20: Harish Pandav - saxophone, Harini Ramesh - vocal, Sachin Hampe - sarod, Chaitrika - vocal, Sanjana Koushik - Hindustani vocal and Keshav Chandra - flute.

'Chitraveena' Ravikiran to perform at Nadabrahma on Saturday

Prodigy turned musical genius, 'Chitraveena' N. Ravikiran is to perform at Raaga's annual Lalitha V. Murthy Memorial concert at 6 pm on Saturday (Jan. 12) at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road. This is a tribute to the late wife of *Kalasevarathna* K.V. Murthy, who, along with her husband, had been benevolent hosts to many artistes of repute.

Sangeetha Kalanidhi Ravikiran, son and disciple of Vid. Chitraveena Narasimhan, is a reputed slide instrumentalist (chitraveena/gottuvadyam), vocalist, composer, teacher and author. A prolific creator in the dance arena with numerous operas staged in different parts of the globe by leading performers like Dr. Vyjayanthimala Bali, Pt. Birju Maharaj, Ravikiran has also performed with greats like Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer, U. Srinivas, T. Brinda, R.K. Srikantan, N. Ramani, Vishwa Mohan Bhatt and others. He has collaborated with top artistes of various genres such as Taj Mahal, Larry Coryell, Martin Simpson and orchestras like BBC Philharmonic.

As an innovator, his contributions include introducing the portable bright toned 20 stringed slide instrument Navya-Chitraveena, pioneering use of Teflon slides in world music, resurrecting and championing the works of legendary composer Oothukadu Venkata Kavi, dance augmentation for instrumental concerts with dancer Smitha Madhav, concepts such as seamless korvais and so on.

On Saturday, he is being accompanied by **Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi** on violin, **Vid. B.C. Manjunath** on mridanga **and Vid. Giridhar Udupa** on ghata.

Prior to the concert, a talk on Healthy Living through Ayurveda and Yoga, by Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy, Director, Prajna Kuteera, will take place from 5.30 pm. The concert is sponsored by K.V. Murthy. **—Veena Arun Kumar**

Reinstating Musical Lineage: One more concert at Mysore Vasudevacharya's House

Vidushi Prarthana Sai Narasimhan, yet another established artiste in the musical lineage of *Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Mysore Vasudevacharya, will be presenting a vocal recital on Saturday, the 12th January, at the famed composer's house in the city. She is being accompanied by **Vidushi V. Shruti** on violin and **Vid. Saishivu Laksmikeshav** on mridanga. The concert scheduled for 7 pm is open to all music-lovers.

Profile: Born at Suratkal, Dakshina Kannada, Prarthana had her initiation into music by her parents P. Nityananda Rao, a Yakshagana singer and Krishnakumari, a Karnatak vocalist. She moved to Chennai in 1996 to learn from *Padma Shri* Dr. Mani Krishnaswami, who was a direct disciple of *Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Mysore Vasudevacharya. Later she underwent advanced training in music from *Sangeetha Kala Acharya* Chingleput Ranganathan.

She has served as a lecturer at Music Academy's Teachers College of Music and is a "B-High" grade artiste of All India Radio, where she has been performing regularly. Prarthana has given more than 500 concerts and conducted more than 25 workshops all over India.

Prarthana is married to Flautist and Music composer Sai Narasimhan, son of Chingleput Ranganathan.

Awareness on Fine Arts at Dhvanyaloka on Jan.12, 13

Mysuru, Jan. 11-As part of 'Kalabodha,' a series of programmes to create awareness on Fine Arts among the citizens have been organised by Dhvanyaloka at its premises on Bogadi Road in city on Jan.12 and 13.

Renowned artist and Researcher Dr. Mysuru Nagaraja Sharma will a deliver lecture on '*The Mysuru traditional painting – In and around*' on Jan. 12 at 5.30 pm and another talk on '*Artistic Aspect in Photography*' at the same venue on Jan. 13 at 11 am.

Sarod maestro Pandit Rajiv Taranath will be the chief guest. Dhvanyaloka Director Prof. C.N. Srinath will chair the sessions.

An exhibition of paintings and photography is also arranged on the occasion. Entry is free.

Kotarotsava: Harmonium and Vocal Recitals at Hill Temple

Sangeetha Vidwan ***Saikeerthinatha Swamiji presenting a Karnatak Classical Harmonium Recital at the Chamundi Hill Temple on Wednesday as part of the ongoing 'Kotarotsava Vaibhava - Sangeethotsava.' He is accompanied by Vid. Madhusudan on violin, Vid. Hanumantharaju on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Mohan on morching. Picture right shows*** *Sangeetha Vidwan* ***Dr. Srikantham Nagendra Shastry's disciple Vid. Nikhil Krishna Sharma presenting a vocal recital at the Hill Temple last evening. He is accompanied by Vid. C.N. Thyagarajan on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on ghata.***

Jatha for plastic-free city

MCC Brand Ambassador for Swachh Survekshan 2019, four-year-old Ishanth Chetan launching the jatha for plastic-free city at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple this morning as Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed, MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha, Mysore Welfare Trust President Dr. Sara Haq and others look on.

Mysuru, Jan.11 (RK&NN-N)-Mysuru City Corporation is doing everything within its reach to regain the top spot in the Swachh Survekshan 2019 rankings in the country. As part of this mission, nearly 500 students from four schools took out a jatha advocating plastic-free city this morning.

The jatha was launched by four-year-old Ishanth Chetan, Brand Ambassador, Swachh Survekshan 2019 for MCC at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple. He administered the cleanliness oath. His solo campaign on plastic-free city had gone viral on social media.

The jatha with students from BM Sri Vidyavardhaka School, Kuvempunagar, KNC Innovative, Small Wonder and Eshwar Vidyalaya passed through K.R. Circle, Devaraj Urs Road and then reached the DC Office.

On the way, the students distributed paper bags to shopkeepers and the public on Devaraj Urs Road and a few were found explaining the importance of a plastic-free city.

MCC Standing Committee Chairpersons Lakshmi M. Shivanna, Shobha, Ashwini Ananthu, Ramani (Ramesh), MCC Superintending Engineer G.R. Suresh, Lions Club of Mysore's Ravindranath, MCC Health Officer Dr. D.N. Nagaraj, MCC Environmental Engineers Poornima, Mythri, Madhusudhan and others participated in the jatha.

Highway works begin

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The road works have begun from the outskirts of Bengaluru near the Vokkaliga Mahasamsthana on both sides of the road and workers, accompanied by surveyors, are engaged in digging and widening of the existing highway. The works have begun on a full swing here as the land acquisition process has been completed.

Traffic density has increased the duration of travel between Bengaluru and Mysuru. Once the highway project is completed, the commute time between the two cities is expected to reduce significantly. The NHAI has acquired many lands adjoining the roads including three acres of Puneeth Farms owned by Dr. Rajkumar family and also several properties owned by industries. The news will bring cheer to thousands of commuters as the project has been inordinately delayed.

To speed the work, the project has been divided into two packages: Bengaluru-Nidaghatta and Nidaghatta to Mysuru.

The Union Government had declared the earlier State Highway 17 and State Highway 88 as new National Highway No. 275 in 2014. Since then, there has been talk of widening. The widening project will be from Panchamukhi Temple after Kengeri town (existing km 18.00) and ends at Columbia Asia Hospital junction on the Mysuru Ring Road at existing km 135.100.

NHAI authorities said that works are being undertaken till late in the night and it will pick up pace after Sankranti. Many roadside restaurants will be demolished in the coming days.

Get eco clearances, Centre tells Kerala MP

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"Local people are also agitating against the proposed alignment which passes through the State of Karnataka.

Accordingly, KRDCL has been advised to sort out the issues of forest clearances and alignment with all the stakeholders involved including Government of Karnataka and thereafter, update the report for appropriate consideration of the proposed new line," the Minister stated in his reply.

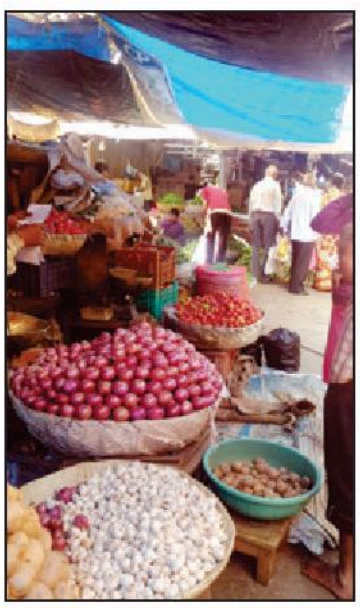
Despite the stiff opposition from the people of Karnataka, especially in Kodagu, the Kerala government had ordered preparation of DPR of Thalassery-Mysuru railway line on a cost-sharing basis between the Railways and KRDCL.

While a 49-km stretch passes through the forests of Kerala, about 35-km stretch passes through the ecologically sensitive areas of Karnataka, including 11 km through the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve.

It may be mentioned here that Mullapally Ramachandran, had on 25.7.2018, raised a similar question on the feasibility report and the DPR. Replying to the MP, Minister Rajen Gohain had stated that as per KRDCL report, the cost of construction of 180-kilometre line has been assessed at Rs. 5,000 crore.

Here too, the Minister had stated that the KRDCL report has been prepared without any survey on ground and without studying the impact of railway line in the forest zone. Considering that the local people are against the project, the Minister advised the MP to get the project cleared (including forest clearances) by the government of Karnataka.

Vegetable prices soar ahead of Sankranti



Drumsticks cost Rs. 60 per kg (last week Rs. 40), tomato - Rs. 60 (Rs. 20), ginger - Rs. 100 (Rs. 60), ladies finger - Rs. 40 (Rs. 30), brinjal - Rs. 30 (Rs. 40), seeme badane - Rs. 30 (Rs. 20), carrot - Rs. 50 (Rs. 40), potato - Rs. 25 (Rs. 20), garlic - Rs. 40 (Rs.30), capsicum - Rs. 60 (Rs. 40), knol khol - Rs.30 (Rs.20). Prices of onion (Rs. 20), ash gourd (Rs. 20), cucumber (Rs. 25), radish (Rs. 20), green peas (Rs. 40) and cabbage (Rs. 15) have remained unchanged.

Mysuru, Jan.11 (RK&SR)-Prevailing cold wave has hit the vegetable produce and its quality and as a result, prices of most of the vegetables have doubled when compared to the prices that prevailed previous week.

The increase in prices has been witnessed at retail and wholesale markets, directly affected consumers. The rise in prices comes even as the city prepares for this year's first festival, Sankranti.

Speaking to , Irshad, a vegetable vendor in Devaraj Market said that poor produce during winter season has led to restricted supply, increased demand and hence making them costlier. He said that prices of ginger, drumsticks and tomatoes have doubled as this was the offseason for these crops.

Sources in the APMC said that vegetable prices like tomato and ginger have gone up in the last eight days as the quantity is not proportionate to the demand.

Reports from Bengaluru say tomato prices might touch Rs. 100 per kg in retail market. "Tomatoes are currently being sold at Rs. 60 per kg while the price was around Rs. 25-30 till a few days ago. Owing to drought in Karnataka and Maharashtra (from where Karnataka receives supplies during this season), there is shortage of tomatoes in local markets. This has led to an increase in prices. If the shortage continues, tomato rates may go up to Rs. 100," said vendors.

Panache's new look this festive season

Panache designer expo, which began at Hotel Southern Star in city this morning, will be open till tomorrow between 11 am and 8.30 pm. Seen are (from left) Archana from Design & Stylez, Reena from Reins Creations, Organisers of Panache Nishat Mohsin & Misba Umrean, Archana from Vistarr, Meenakshi & Willy from Libaaz Vatika, Delhi.

MM Hills set to become State's sixth Tiger Reserve

Chamarajanagar to be the only district in India to have three Tiger Reserves

Chamarajanagar/ Mysuru, Jan.11 (SS,MTY&BCT)- Karnataka will get its sixth Tiger Reserve, with the State Wildlife Board deciding to propose to the Centre to notify Male Mahadeshwara Hills Wildlife Sanctuary (MM Hills) as a Tiger Reserve. Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, who is the Chairman of the Board, has however, decided to defer the notification of the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary (CWS) as a Tiger Reserve for the time being.

If Male Mahadeshwara Hills is declared as a Tiger Reserve, Chamarajanagar District will become the first district in India to have three Tiger Reserves — Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Biligirirangana Betta Tiger Reserve (BRT) and now, Male Mahadeshwara Tiger Reserve.

The government had earlier proposed to declare the CWS as a Tiger Reserve along with MM Hills. If the proposal had come through, the Tiger Reserve would have gone by the name - Cauvery-Male Mahadeshwara Tiger Reserve (CMTR).

Declaring a Tiger Reserve provides several benefits to a forest area as it can easily get funds from the Centre under Project Tiger. "In North India, even if there are two tigers in the forests, funds are procured in the name of Project Tiger. The Male Mahadeshwara Hills and the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary are spread over a total area of 1,93,372.25 hectares in Chamarajanagar, Mandya, and Ramanagaram districts. These sanctuaries are home to mammals like Tigers, Leopards, Wild Dogs, Hyenas, Sloth Bears, Elephants, Honey Badgers, Gaurs, Sambars and Chitals," said a forest officer.

A study conducted by Conservation Scientist Sanjay Gubbi, who is also a State Wildlife Board Member finds that Male Mahadeshwara Hills and Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary have more Tigers than some tiger reserves in India like Namdapha Tiger Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh, Kawal in Telangana and Buxa Tiger Reserve in West Bengal.

The study, carried out by Nature Conservation Foundation, points out that large presence of prey species seen in the camera trap also gives further credence to the viable tiger habitats of the parks.

Sambars, Wild Boars and Gaurs were found in MM Hills while, Chital, Four-Horned Antelope and Wild Boars dotted the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuaries, making the landscape suitable for the large cats.

The study, conducted in 2011, showed 1,933 sq-km covered with camera-trappings has found a healthy tiger population in the two protected areas. While at MM Hills, 12 Tigers were discovered, two were documented at Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary. There are more than 100 tigers in BRT and the study found out that several tigers had migrated from BRT to MM Hills forests.

The study took over 5 years and consolidation of nearly 10 lakh images from both the sanctuaries from which the actual figures of number of tigers were arrived at.

The study also saw the first-ever documentation of the Ratel, also called the Honey Badger, for Karnataka in Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary.

The study conducted by Nature Conservation Foundation was followed up in 2015 and 2016 by the Forest Department and officials recorded several sightings in camera traps. The migration of big cats from BRT to MM Hills was also established.

The findings clearly indicate that the two protected areas, located in the confluence of the Eastern and Western Ghats, have scope for adequate funding and more protection under the Project Tiger initiative.

"It is heartening that the confluence of the Western and Eastern Ghats that had been under the long terror reign of forest brigand Veerappan for decades, is today a haven for big carnivores with good prey availability." It is high time for the Government to declare MM Hills as a Tiger Reserve, he added.

Centre gives in to public pressure, says NO to elevated corridors via Bandipur

Bengaluru/ Mysuru, Jan. 11- Giving a major relief to wildlife activists who have been protesting to save Bandipur Tiger Reserve from mindless development, the Centre has made it clear that it will not take up the controversial project of constructing elevated corridors that cuts through the Tiger Reserve.

Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Dr. Mahesh Sharma answering an unstarred question in the Rajya Sabha recently said that the Karnataka Government has also opposed any construction or lifting the existing night traffic ban through Bandipur Tiger Reserve. The unstarred question was raised by Janata Dal (United) MP from Kerala, Veerendra Kumar.

The Union Minister's statement comes three days after the Karnataka Government opposed the move in the Supreme Court, citing the potential harm to Asiatic Elephants, Tigers and other wild animals. Veerendra Kumar had asked about the Centre's stance on building an elevated road over the forest to overcome the ban on night travel in the stretch.

Responding to this, the Minister said, "The Government of Karnataka had opposed construction of the road or lifting of the nine-hour night traffic ban on NH-212, which passes through Bandipur Tiger Reserve. In fact, we have suggested strengthening the alternative route passing through Thithimathi-Gonikoppa-Kutta and reach Kerala."

The proposal to build four elevated corridors, each 1-km long, on National Highway 766 by the National Highway Authority of India as part of the Bharatmala project had united activists under the banner of 'Save Bandipur'. They held multiple protests against the move.

In August 2018, the activists were first alarmed after a communication between the Ministry of Road and Transport Secretary Y.S. Mallik and the Karnataka Chief Secretary was leaked. The letter spoke about how Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and PWD Minister H.D. Revanna had verbally agreed to the project during a meeting with Union Minister of Road, Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari.

The activists also opposed the proposed reversal of night traffic ban (9 pm-6 am) on the 25 km stretch of National Highway 212 in the Bandipur Tiger Reserve corridor and petitioned Gadkari and Kumaraswamy.

The existing traffic ban has been in effect since 2009 when the Karnataka High Court banned traffic flow after dark while hearing a case pertaining to roadkills, where at least 215 animals were run over between 2004 and 2007.

For the night, commuters currently use a 30-km detour of the Hunsur-Gonikoppa-Kutta-Manandavadi Road.

An open letter to Rahul Gandhi

Meanwhile, several environment activists from Mysuru have written an open letter to Congress President Rahul Gandhi on the rampant destruction of environment. Here is the letter:

Dear Mr. Rahul Gandhi,

We write to you with the hope that you will use your good offices to stop the rampant destruction of forests in Karnataka. At the time when natural calamities have become as common as flu due to man-triggered global warming, road-widening projects inside wildlife reserves are expected to consume 21 (twenty one) lakh trees in Karnataka.

Yes, we do need development. But certainly not at the expense of pristine forests which are the source of life, not only in the Western Ghats region, but throughout Southern India.

Though the Ministry of Environment for Forest and Climate Change (MoEF), National Tiger Conservation Authority, National Wildlife Board and conservation experts have reflagged the Hubballi-Ankola railway project, the coalition government in Karnataka is determined to go ahead with the project.

We bring to your notice that there is an existing railway line from Hubli to Goa. As such, there is no necessity for this ill-conceived railway line project. If this project is to be taken up by the H.D. Kumaraswamy-led coalition government, as many as two lakh trees are to be felled. This line will traverse through the ecologically sensitive Western Ghats, destroying the mega-diversity and hydrology of the entire system rendering all rivers dry. We are hopeful that you will stop this project in the larger interest of all of us.

Thanks and regards

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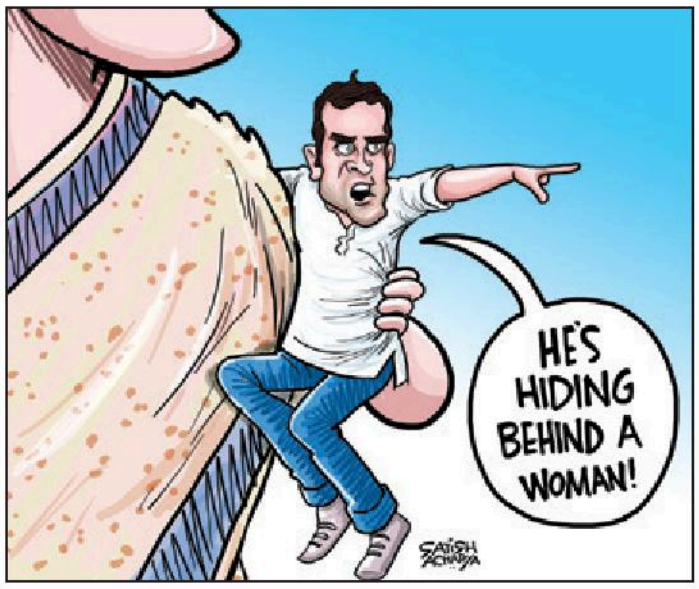
By Satish Acharya



Louis Braille birth anniversary in city on Jan.13

Mysuru, Jan.11- The Mysuru sub-branch of National Federation of the Blind will be celebrating Louis Braille birth anniversary on Jan.13 (Sunday) at KSRP Fifth Batallion, near Jockey Quarters, Kurubarahalli. Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath will inaugurate the event at 9.30 am.

Basavaraju, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, KSRP Commandant K.S. Raghunath and Mysuru District Differently-abled Welfare Officer Abhikumar will be the chief guests on the occasion.

The event will also feature Braille reading and writing and cultural contests for visually challenged persons.

The valedictory will take place at 4 pm. MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha, ZP CEO K. Jyothi and other officials will be present. For details, call Mob: 98447-62127 or 94496-16254.

Free tech-based training at SJCE

Mysuru, Jan. 11 - A free technology-based training programme in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT) and Cloud Computing will be conducted by qualified trainers at SJCE premises in the evenings from 5.30 pm to 7.30.

Those interested may contact Ganesh, Project in-charge, SJCE-STEP, JSSTI campus, Manasagangothri or on Ph: 0821-2548321 or Mob: 98800-28706.

Nominated

Santosh

Mysuru, Jan.11- Writer and poet M.B. Santosh of the city has been nominated as the General Secretary of Mysuru District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat with immediate effect.

For more details, contact on Mob: 98863-41957 or 97419-71287, according to a press release.

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Atal Tinkering Lab Inaugurated at Andalus English School

Atal Tinkering Lab formally Inaugurated at Andalus English School, Dr. Syed Akheel Ahmed, Former Vice Chancellor, Yenapoya University-Manglore inaugurated Atal Tinkering Lab on 05.01.18. The program commenced seeking the divine grace of Almighty through invocation.

This was followed by welcoming the gathering by Asst. Head Mistress Ms. Syeda Azma Jabeen. Mr. Nasheer Ahamed, Founder/secretary elaborated the future plans for the ATL Lab with the objective of instilling curiosity and encouraging innovativeness among students. The chief guest congratulated the school and wished that the school would emerge as top school in Mysuru. Mentoring Partner Mr. Sumanth Prabhu, Co-founder, Kidvento, gave a brief presentation about ATL Lab & urged students to make maximum use of the lab to explore skills of future.

Thereon the dignitaries were led to the work area of the lab and saw the models made by the students using DIY robotic kit such as Object moving robot, Gripper Robot, Robotic Crane, Dumper Robot & Table follower and interacted with them. President Mrs. Sanjeeda Anjum, Head Mistress Ms. Mehare Nigar, Mr. Kiran, Regional Sales Head-Kidvento, Staff, students & Parents graced the occasion.

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Vinaya Vidheya Rama (Te)	(S-1)	12.55 pm, 7, 9.55 pm
Lambodara (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Viswasam (Ta)	(S-2)	1.05 pm, 4 pm, 9.55 pm
KGF (K)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
	(S-3)	1.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am
Simmba (H)	(S-3)	10.05 am
URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-3)	4.25 pm, 7.10 pm
N.T.R -Kathanayakakudu (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Accidental Prime Minister (H)	(S-4)	4.25 pm

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Petta (Ta)	(S-2)	8.50 am, 3.15 pm, 9.40 pm
	(S-1)	11.55 am, 6.25 pm
Viswasam (Ta)	(S-1)	8.50 am, 3.20 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-3)	6.30 pm
Vinaya Vidheya Rama (Te)	(S-2)	12.15 pm, 6.40 pm
KGF (K)	(S-4)	9.50 am, 6.45 pm
	(S-3)	3.20 pm
Simmba (H)	(S-4)	9.55 pm
URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-3)	10.00 am
	(S-4)	3.50 pm
N.T.R -Kathanayakakudu (Te)	(S-3)	9.35 pm
Accidental Prime Minister (H)	(S-3)	12.55 pm
Lambodara (K)	(S-4)	1.00 pm

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URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	10.00 am, 10.00 pm
Vinaya Vidheya Rama (Te)	12.10 pm, 6.50 pm
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EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 11)

Karnataka State Backward Classes Awareness Forum, District Unit and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota and K.S. Shivaramu Sneha Balaga: Felicitation to Dr. Ambedkar Fellowship National Award recipient K.S. Shivaramu and seminar on 'Superstition - Social Struggle,' writer Prof. Chandrashekal Patil (ChamPa) inaugurates, CM's Joint Secretary M. Ramaiah felicitates, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **4 pm.**

Vishwamanava Vidyanikethana Trust: School anniversary celebrations-2019, Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji graces the occasion, MLA L. Nagendra presides, School premises, **5 pm.**

Sugama Sangeetha Academy Trust: Usha Vasant Memorial Programme, retired Chief Editor of All India Food Processors' Association K.L. Radhakrishnan chief guest, Trust President K.V. Murthy presides, Academy Founder H.R. Leelavathi will be present; Bhavageete by Surekha Hegde (Shivamogga) and Aalap (Mysuru), Sangeetha Kalanidhi Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Swaramurthy V.N. Rao Memorial Dance Programme on compositions of Veene Seshanna by Vidu. C.N. Anitha, accompanied by Vidu. Nayana Shivaram on natuvanga, Vid. Tumkur B. Shashishankar on mridanga and Vid. A.P. Krishna Prasad on flute, vocal support by Vid. Rakesh Sudhir, **6 pm.**

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), Southern Regional Centre, Mysuru: North Eastern Cultural and Dance Festival, performing arts presentation by tribal and folk artistes from Assam and Manipur, Wellington House, Irwin Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, V.V. Mohalla: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vidwan Dr. M.A. Alwar, Trust premises, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Kalpa Kshetra - Centre for Heritage & Culture: Gana Madhurya, a programme on Raga-based Hindi Film songs, Vidu. Srimathi Devi introduces the Ragas, #581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **6.30 pm.**

Discourse: Thiruppavai Discourse by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Pusthakam Sri Santhana Gopalakrishna Swamy Temple, No.141, College Road, behind Raghavendra Mutt, Chamaraja Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**

Chamundi Hill Temple: Sri Chamundeshwari Ammanavara Kotarotsava Vaibhava - Sangeethotsava, Karnatak Classical Flute Recital by *Sangeetha Vidwan* Mysore A. Chandan Kumar, accompanied by Vid. H.K. Narasimha Murthy on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga, Temple premises, **6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Arsha Vidya Ashrama: Sri Chidrupanand Sarswati Swamiji delivers discourse on 'Bhagadvad Gita,' Sadvidya School, Narayan Shatri Road, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **7 pm.**

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National Sports Club, Mysuru and Mysore District Kho-Kho Association: Inauguration of three-day State-level Invitational Men's Floodlight Kho-Kho Tournament in memory of late Sanjay (National-level kho-kho player) and late C.R. Gururaj Rao (former State-level player), District Minister G.T. Devegowda inaugurates the tournament, Corporator M.C. Ramesh presides, Mysore University DPE Director (in-Charge) P. Krishnaiah, Krishnaraja Co-op. Bank President H. Vasu, Jayalakshmi (late Sanjay's mother), National Sports Club Chairman Rajagopal & President Srinivas Heggade and others will be present, Saugandhika Park, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm.**

Adamya Rangashale: Staging of play 'Alibaba mattu 40 mandi kallaru,' Kuvempu Ranga Mandira, Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust, Sri Vivekananda PU College premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 12)

Arsha Vidya Ashrama: Sri Chidrupanand Sarswati Swamiji delivers discourse on 'Upnishad,' Eshwara Temple's Shankar Prartana Mandir, V.V. Puram at **7 am;** Sri Chidrupanand Sarswati Swamiji delivers discourse on 'Bhagadvad Gita,' Sadvidya School, N.S. Road, **6.30 pm.**

Kodagu Model School, Vidyashankar Nagar: Inter-School Sports Competition - Throwball for boys and Kho-Kho for girl students, School campus premises, **9 am.**

Sri Ramakrishna Vidyakendra and RKVK Composite PU College, Ramakrishnanagar: National Youth Day celebrations, Swami Sarvajayanandaji flags off Swami Vivekananda Ratha Yatra, Institution premises, **9.30 am.**

Karavali Yakshagana Kendra, Mysuru: Decennial celebrations, inauguration, **10 am;** Purvaranga by Tenkutittu students, **11 am;** Talamaddale 'Jabali Nandini,' **11.30 am;** Seminar, **2 pm;** Yakshagana 'Mahisha Mardhini' by Tenkutittu students, **3.30 pm;** Yakshagana 'Bhishmotpati' by Badagutittu students, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**

Hari Vidyalaya: Hari Jaatre for members of Ladies Clubs and Women's Organisations of Mysuru, Vidyalaya premises, Bogadi, **10 am to 2 pm.**

Sahara Art and Crafts: Shopping Festival, Exhibition-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

Rajya Shaikshanika Diksuchi mattu Sudharana Samiti and Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat, Mandya district unit: Book release — 'Rama Mandira mattu Sugreevajne Sadhyate - Ondu Avalokana,' Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji graces the occasion, senior researcher Dr. M. Chidanandamurthy inaugurates, Cauvery auditorium, KSOU premises, **10.30 am.**

Mysore Art Gallery: Interaction with Achiever (Achiever of the month: H.M. Mallikarjunappa), Vid. Dr. B.S. Parvataraju chief guest, Gallery premises, Ramanuja Road, **11 am.**

Panache: Fashion and Lifestyle Exhibition, Hotel Southern Star, **11 am to 8.30 pm.**

NSS: National Youth Week and NSS Awards (2017-18), retd. Kuvempu University VC Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda inaugurates, Minister G.T. Devegowda distributes awards, Mysore University VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar presides, Rani Bahadur auditorium, Manasagangothri, **11 am.**

SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Dept. of Kannada: Reading of Poet Kuvempu's 'Sri Ramayana Darshanam', litterateur Tarini Chidanandagowda inaugurates, Principal Dr. S. Venkataramu presides, *Vachanabhinaya* by Yuvaranga Director (Ninasam) M. Ganesh Udupi, College CEO Dr. S.R. Ramesh, Dept. of Kannada HOD Dr. H.R. Thimmegowda and poetess Dr. H.R. Sujatha will be present, College auditorium, **11.15 am.**

Sayoga: Inauguration of 'Sayoga Bazaar 2019' by Pramoda Devi Wadiyar and Shruthi Ranga, owner of Sayoga, No. 2775, 4th Main, V.V. Mohalla, **11.30 am.**

Mahajana College: 'Sri Ramayana Darshanam' programme, College premises, Tarini Chidanandagowda guest, College premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **11.30 am.**

Kadamba Ranga Vedike: Felicitation to young Scientist Drone Pratap, writer Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara will do the honours, Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President C.K. Mahendra chief guest, Kadamba Ranga Vedike President Rajashekar Kadamba will be present, Rotary Mysore North President M.K. Nanjundaiah presides, Pathrakartara Bhavan, Tyagaraja Road, **11.30 am.**

Kalasuruchi: Story-telling for kids by Rekha Venkatesh, Nada Kala Kendra, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**

Poorna Prajna Vidyakendra, Kuvempunagar: School Anniversary celebrations, journalist Amshi Prasannakumar lights the lamp, retd. Chief Engineer G.K. Varadappa presides, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**

Dhvanyaloka: Kalabodha, a series of programmes to create awareness on Fine Arts among citizens, renowned artist and researcher Dr. Mysuru Nagaraja Sharma delivers lecture on 'The Mysuru traditional painting - In and around,' Dhvanyaloka premises, Bogadi Road, **5.30 pm.**

Parents Association of Deaf Children and Rotary West & Parents' Association of Deaf Children (RWPADC) Trust: 38th anniversary celebrations of Institute of Mother & Deaf Child, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath chief guest, Industrialist Jagannath Shenoi, AIISH Director Dr. M. Pushpavathi, Corporator Savitha Suresh and RWPADC Trust Chairman B. Lohia guests of honour, Smt. Ramabai Memorial Auditorium, PADC Complex, Bogadi, **5.30 pm.**

Jnanasarovara International Residential School - Mysuru (JIRSM): Founder's Day celebration 'Blossom' (Vikasana), former Mysore University VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa chief guest, City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subramanyeswara Rao distinguished guest, JIRSM Chairman and FKCCI Bengaluru President Sudhakar S. Shetty presides, Abhinaya Amphitheatre, School premises, **5.30 pm.**

Raaga Music Academy: Talk on 'Healthy Living through Ayurveda and Yoga' by Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy, Director, Prajna Kuteera, 5.30; Lalitha V. Murthy Memorial Concert by 'Chitraveena' N. Ravikiran, accompanied by Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi on violin, Vid. B.C. Manjunath on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

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By Stuti Ravikumar

The two-day North Eastern Cultural and Dance Festival began at the Wellington House on Irwin Road under the auspices of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya in city last evening.

A variety of dances performed during various occasions like festivals, rituals, harvests, arrival of seasons were showcased by artistes from Manipur and Assam.

As the saying goes 'the loss of culture is the greatest loss to society', tribal culture is not far from disappearing. At this critical hour, we need to cradle and nurture tribal art forms as they are the very essence of tribal culture.

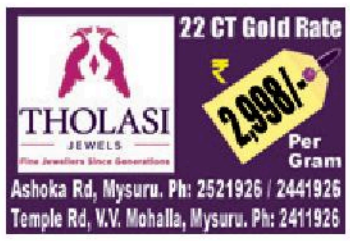
The dance festival began with the Manipuri troupe performing an act on *Dashavatara* (the ten incarnations of Lord Vishnu) based on Jayadeva's *'Gita Govinda';* after which, a variety of Manipuri and Assamese dance forms like *Hamzar, Sathriya* and *Bihu* were performed. Vibrant costumes, elaborate

headgears coupled with soft music and breezy movements summed up the show.

The highlight of the event was definitely the *Huyen Langlon* martial arts performed by the locals of Manipur. Boys equipped with swords, axes and shields enthralled the audience with their swift movements. Wild cheer and tremendous applause from the audience added energy to the combat.

All in all, our chilly Mysuru was enveloped with warmth from the Seven Sisters of India !

Those who missed the cultural show yesterday can witness the celebration of dance at the Wellington House today also from 6 pm onwards.



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